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How do I find more recent data?

Because the NRP is a snapshot of data at a particular point in time, sometimes more recent data will be available. The Explanatory Notes contain links to the most recent releases of data, where you can check for more recent information for your region.

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How do I found out more about the data?

Information about the data in the NRP can be found in the Explanatory Notes.

A description of statistical terms used in the NRP and other ABS releases can be found in Statistical Language! (cat. no. 1332.0.55.002)

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Is there other data available for regions?

The NRP contains a summary of the data from a number of ABS and other collections, but there is usually other data available. For example, much more data from the Census of Population and Housing is available from the Census pages than is released in the NRP. The Explanatory Notes contain links to the most recent releases of data, where you can check for more detailed information for your region.

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Is historical data available?

Previous releases of the NRP can be found in the 'Past & Future Releases' tab of any regional profile.

Previous releases of ABS data can be found by following the links in the Explanatory Notes to the data release you are interested in, then looking at the 'Past & Future Releases' tab for that release.

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Why are some regions not available?

Some regions do not have a profile, usually because there is insufficient data to put in the profile for them. When there is no data for a region, you can go up one level in the map or list to find a larger region.

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Why aren't other types of regions available?

Statistical Local Areas and Local Government Areas are currently the smallest type of region for which a range of data is available. The ABS is looking at ways to include other types of regions in the NRP in future.

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Why is some data for my region not available?

Where some data is not in the profile for your region, but is in other regions of the same type, in most cases it is because the data is such small numbers in your region that it has been confidentialised to protect privacy. In these cases the data will appear as 'n.p', meaning 'not published'.

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Why are some data items available for selected states only?

Some data items have been obtained from state/territory government agencies to add to the NRP. As this data is collected for administrative purposes, it may not be collected in all states/territories, or may be collected using different definitions which mean that it can't be compared across all states/territories.

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What is in the profiles if you choose one region under 'Select a Region'?

When you select a region, the profile for each region contains four web pages and an Excel spreadsheet:

- the **web pages** contain a summary of data, with the same data items available for every region.
- the **Excel spreadsheet** contains everything that is in the summary web pages, but in more detail.

There may also be some additional data in the Excel spreadsheets for regions in your state/territory.

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What is in the data cubes under 'Compare Regions'?

When you click on 'Compare Regions', this will take you to a page with two data cubes labelled 'Australia', and a number of data cubes for the states and territories. All of the data cubes are labelled to show if they contain Local Government Areas, or whether they contain Statistical Local Areas (and Statistical Sub Divisions, Statistical Divisions, States/Territories, Australia).

The Australia data cubes hold all the data from the web pages, and all the data from the Excel spreadsheets that can be provided for every region in Australia.

The state/territory data cubes hold additional data for each state/territory, where it is available. These data are provided separately, because the data items often are different between states/territories, and have different definitions, so they can not be compared with each other. There are no data cubes for the Australian Capital Territory.

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I don't know the name of my region - how can I find it?

Use the maps to find your region. For help using the maps see [How to Select a Region](#).

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Other help on using the National Regional Profile, including a video demonstration, is available from the [Help](#) section on the left menu bar.

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